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| | Filing Date | February 10, 2004 |
| | First Named Inventor | Alols Conte |
| | Group/Art Unit | 3729 |
| | Examiner Name | Minh N. Trinh |
| | Attorney Docket No. | 132702-0102 (formerly 16638) |

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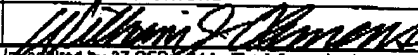
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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|------------------|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|------------------|----------|----------------|
| | Small Entity | Fee (\$) | Small Entity | Fee (\$) | Small Entity | Fee (\$) | |
| Utility | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 200 | 100 | |
| Design | 200 | 100 | 100 | 50 | 130 | 65 | |
| Plant | 200 | 100 | 300 | 150 | 160 | 80 | |
| Reissue | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 600 | 300 | |
| Provisional | 200 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

| | Small Entity | Fee (\$) |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------|
| Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent | 50 | 25 |
| Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent | 200 | 100 |
| Multiple dependent claims | 360 | 180 |

Total Claims - 20 or HP = Extra Claims x Fee (\$)

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